

Alexandria Gazette.

THURSDAY EVENING, MAY 19, 1898

LOCAL MATTERS.

Sun rises to-morrow at 4:56 and sets at 7:00. High water at 7:00 a. m. and low at 7:00 p. m.

WEATHER PROBABILITIES.—For this season increasing cloudiness to night; probably followed by showers Friday; southwest wind.

MARKERS FOR GRAVES.—The Ladies' Auxiliary of Lee Camp have placed markers on the graves of the Confederate dead interred in the cemetery of this city, and by Memorial Day all will have been placed in position. In cases where monuments or headstones have already been erected the letters "C. S. A." will be added. The work of marking the graves was organized by Lee Camp, but the Ladies' Auxiliary assumed the duty of carrying out the idea themselves, and they deserve much credit for the expedition with which they perfected their arrangements and carried out their plan.

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LOCAL BREVITIES.

Ascension Day services were held to-day in St. Mary's Church.

The Norwesters, under command of Capt. Young, p. rated last night.

Faithful is returning its wonted quiet, the season having about closed.

Seven dealers in liquor have decided not to renew their licenses this year.

Two white men engaged in a fistfight on corner one of the wharves in the city last night. They seemed more numerous than on former occasions.

A complete fire extinguishing service is being established at the Alexandria Fertilizer and Chemical Works.

A marriage license was issued in Washington yesterday to John T. Mitchell and Jessie T. Welcott, both of King William county.

Stephen Van Wyck has sold to James Marshall eight houses and lots on the west side of Columbus street, between Wythe and Madison.

Representatives of southern railroads met in Washington yesterday and agreed upon a plan of two cents a mile for transporting troops.

The game of baseball to have been played yesterday between the Fredericksburg College and the Episcopal High School nines was cancelled by the former.

Two trains loaded with troops passed through this city this evening on the C. & O. road on their way to Falls Church. Some of the men were from Canton, Ohio.

A large number of men are at work at the old St. Asaph track getting that place in order. The grounds are to be used as a wagon yard and stable grounds. Forty carloads of mules are expected there this evening.

Mr. B. B. Smith has on exhibition at his store on King street a piece of the brass cylinder from the six-inch recoil cylinder from gun mount No. 69 of the battleship Maine which was blown up at Havana.

Mr. Randall, who has been engaged in street preaching here for several days, will speak this evening at 7 o'clock in front of the Market Building. He will give his experience of the penitentiary and asylum.

At a meeting last night of Jackson Council, Jr. O. U. A. M., three applications for membership were received. Sunday, May 29th, has been designated as the day on which to decorate the graves of the dead members of the order.

A colored woman from Washington created some excitement last night at a colored church in the northwestern part of the city, where a festival was being held. She claimed that another in which was some jewelry had been stolen.

Two men were arrested charged with the theft, but the case was continued.

The House District of Columbia committee was in session several hours yesterday. The bill providing for the acquisition by the government of the water rights and privileges at Great Falls was taken up, and after quite a controversy in which Representative King, of Utah, opposed it, a favorable report was agreed on. The Senate passed the bill February 15 last.

A colored woman while under the influence of liquor or drugs made her appearance at the foot of King street about 8:30 last night and announced her intention of drowning herself. She became much excited, and two colored men took her in charge. One offered to show her where the water was sufficiently deep for her to accomplish her purpose, when she changed her mind and said she would drink laudanum. They took her up the street and turned her over to two colored women, who said they would take her home.

Martha Miller, colored, arrested by Officer Ferguson for assaulting and beating Mary Morris, was fined \$5.

Victoria Johnson, colored, arrested by Officer Ferguson for the same offense, was fined \$5.

Gilbert Hardy, charged with an assault on Charles Sutherland, was dismissed.

James Harris, colored, arrested by Officer Atkinson for disorderly conduct, was fined \$2.50.

Night Report.—Last night was clear and cool. Seven prisoners and three lodgers were at the station house.

PROPERTY SALES.—Captain R. F. Knox, auctioneer, sold yesterday evening for Messrs. Clements & Taylor, commissioners, the dwelling and 5 acres of land two miles from Rosslyn, in the county, the house of Charles Thompson, deceased, for the sum of \$2,400. It was understood that the property was bought by the estate, there being no bona fide bid over \$2,100. This property cost over \$4,300 a few years ago.

Messrs. O'Neal & Lunt to-day sold for Messrs. Armstrong and Moore, commissioners in the suit of Wilbur v. Minor, a tract of land in Washington district, Alexandria county, containing 73 acres, to Mr. G. N. Siegmüller for \$1,800.

THE HELPHENSTINE DIVORCE SUIT. Daisy B. Helphensstine in Washington yesterday applied for a divorce from Edgar C. Helphensstine, alleging desertion. They were married April 9, 1896, and he deserted her, she claims, on April 30, 1896. She asks permission to resume her maiden name of Harrison. The marriage of the Helphensstines was tinged with romance. To escape the wrath of the groom's father they fled to Richmond and were married there. They then went north, where Helphensstine procured funds by forging his father's name for large amounts. His father went to New Haven and paid the checks, but forced his son to return to Washington, leaving his bride to shift for herself.

MILL BURNED.—The mill at Herndon, belonging to B. F. Garrett and leased by Rowe Bradshaw, was burned, with most of its contents, about 6 o'clock yesterday evening. It was insured for \$4,000. Mr. Bradshaw's loss was about \$1,000, partly insured. The origin of the fire is unknown.

A CARD FROM SERGEANTS GREEN. Since our return from Richmond last night we have heard many reports and statements regarding the condition of affairs at Camp Lee and of the disaffection existing among the members of the A. L. I., which we know are very much exaggerated, and are calculated to excite the natural anxiety of the parents and friends of the A. L. I. boys. It is undoubtedly true that for the first two or three days after the arrival of the A. L. I. arrangements for feeding the men were very poor and the rations short, but before we left this city the natural anxiety of the parents and friends was well and no one in the camp are more dissatisfied than those having nothing to do.

The sanitary condition is excellent and is being improved daily. Captain Atkinson has been working under great disadvantages since he has had command of his company. He is, however, by his determined and energetic efforts bringing order out of chaos, and is doing all he possibly can for the comfort of his men and he now only needs their support and that of about ten more men. When we left every man in the company of the company had been in the war. Parents or friends wishing to send any small package to any member of the company will bring same to the Armory between 7 and 8 o'clock p. m. to-morrow (Friday), properly marked. We will forward same at once to them at Camp Lee.

R. M. GREEN. J. GREEN.

Alexandria, Va., May 19.

"One Minute Cough Cure" is the best preparation I have ever sold and I can't say too much in its praise." L. M. Kennon, Merchant, Odell, Ga. Charles G. Lennon.

FIFTY-FIFTH CONGRESS.

WASHINGTON, May 12.

SENATE.

The death of Gladstone was made the theme of the chaplain's invocation at the opening of the Senate to-day.

He said: "O, Eternal God, with the whole English speaking race we stand as mourners beside the bier of the most eminent man of our generation."

At the conclusion of the morning business consideration of the war revenue bill was resumed. Mr. McLaughlin delivered a set speech upon the features of the pending bill.

In the course of his speech Mr. McLaughlin said he was ready to vote for any measure that would tend to bring the war to a successful conclusion.

People on the island of Cuba are dying every hour. Their condition is beyond the power of description. Every day now means the loss of hundreds, perhaps thousands, of lives in Cuba. Concerning the proposed issue of bonds he said that there was an influence at work in this country more powerful than the President, more potent than Congress.

It was the silent, secret influence of the money power which was endeavoring to force an issue of bonds. "There is an army in this country," said he, "just as anxious to raid the United States treasury as our volunteers are to raid the island of Cuba. To the army I refer to no volunteers are needed. These jobbers and speculators, from a greater number to us than the war with Spain." He urged the adoption of the proposition to issue legal tender notes. "It is the dealers in futures," declared Mr. McLaughlin, "the financial speculators and cormorants, the transportation companies, the manufacturers of ammunition, who make money out of the war. Upon these the financial burdens of the war are to fall, and not upon the families of the men who go to the front to fight for their country."

At the conclusion of Mr. McLaughlin's speech the clerk proceeded with the reading of the bill.

When the paragraph providing for stamp taxes upon all transfers of stock was reached it was amended so as to cover all agreements to sell stock whether the stock actually was transferred or not.

Mr. Gorman thought that checks for small amounts ought not to be required to bear stamps.

Mr. Aldrich in reply said that the elimination of checks for small amounts would reduce the revenue from this source about \$3,000,000. The tax, he said, did not bear upon small depositors heavily, and upon savings bank depositors who drew money on their books it bore not at all.

Mr. Bacon moved to modify the provision for a tax on inland bills of exchange so as to relieve bills of less than \$100 in value from the requirement and to fix the rate at two cents where the value is between \$100 and \$200.

Mr. Wolcott said the change might be of value in campaigning in the back counties of Georgia.

Mr. Bacon replied that the objection was not to the amount of the tax but to the inconvenience it would occasion to persons removed from the centers of civilization.

Mr. Teller said that the indications were that the war with Spain would go long continue, but to him the signs were equally strong that within a few years we would be involved in another war which might and probably would be of far more serious consequence than the contest with the 7 by 9 country with which we are now contending."

The Bacon amendment was lost by a vote of 13 to 41.

HOUSE.

Chaplain Couden in the House to-day referred to the late William E. Gladstone. "In the death of this grand old man," he said, "our hearts go out in gratitude to Thee for his

great character as a writer, statesman and Christian, which has been felt throughout the world."

Mr. Grosvenor called up the labor arbitration bill as amended and passed by the Senate, and moved to concur in the Senate's amendments.

Mr. McLean filed his protest against the measure, declaring he considered it vicious and dangerous.

In reply to a question from Mr. Livingston intimating that he wanted the bill to make arbitration compulsory, instead of discretionary, as provided, Mr. Grosvenor said shortly: "If the gentlemen will declare his willingness to vote to make arbitration of labor disputes compulsory and will put himself in the line of fire from the labor organizations, I want to say he will need a search warrant to hold a funeral over his political ambition."

Mr. Walker, from the committee on labor, supported the bill, emphasizing the declaration that all labor organizations desired its passage.

After debate, coming to the proposition to send the bill to conference, in which many members participated, a roll call upon agreeing to the Senate's amendments, thereby effecting the bill's passage, was ordered, resulting in yeas 219, nays 4.

An agreement to postpone consideration of the Brown-Swanson election case from the Fifth Virginia district until the next session of the Congress was reached. Notice that the case would be called up to-day was given yesterday.

The Speaker announced the appointment of Messrs. Hull, of Iowa; Adams, of Pennsylvania, and Tate of Georgia, visitors to the West Point military academy, and of Messrs. Boutelle, of Maine; Wagner, of Pennsylvania, and Wheeler, of Kentucky, visitors to the naval academy.

The House agreed to adjourn until Monday, memorial addresses upon the late Senator George made a special order for Saturday being made the order for Wednesday, May 25.

THE CAMP AT RICHMOND.

A dispatch from Richmond says: Col. J. C. Baker, who went to Washington to urge the Virginia delegation in Congress to make a renewed effort to secure the appointment of Adjutant General Nalle as a brigadier general, returned yesterday. He conferred with the Senators and Representatives but did not see the President. The Congressmen were unable to give Col. Baker much encouragement, as the President's policy is to take all the brigadiers from the regular army.

There is much criticism of the government's determination to rush the raw troops, just organized in Richmond, to Tampa, and equip them after they get there. The officers claim that they can be put into shape in Richmond in one-half the time they could in a hotter climate and in a large camp.

The boys are complaining less of the food they have to eat. Rations are being served to companies. This plan works more satisfactorily than the old one. Each day witnesses a more strict discipline at the camp. The boys are having some hard work to do at drilling and other labors.

The following information was received from Washington yesterday: Army orders have been issued granting leave of absence to First Lieutenant David C. Shanks, Eighteenth Infantry, to enable him to accept commission of major in the Second Virginia volunteers. Leave of absence was also granted First Lieutenant David Price, First Artillery, to enable him to accept commission of major in Third Virginia volunteers.

Governor Tyler said yesterday he thought it was of the utmost importance that the Virginia soldiers should be vaccinated before they leave Camp Lee.

Company K, Fredericksburg, of the Third Regiment, made a splendid record. They took to Richmond ninety men and every one of them passed the examination. Three of those not needed were in the Alexandria Light Infantry and the others will return home.

Governor Tyler in a letter of receipt of many letters from mothers and sisters of men who have enlisted asking him to have them discharged, as their health is bad or they have families dependent upon them for support. The Governor is powerless in such matters. In his proclamation he advised that all such men remain at home, but he cannot do so. He said he would not feel justified in sending home a man who at years' discretion had voluntarily enlisted.

The Richmond Dispatch says: "While it is certain that two Virginia regiments will be ordered to Tampa, and may form a part of General Lee's division, it is not thought that Third will be sent there at all, certainly not now, and is pretty well assured that the Virginia troops will be brigaded with a regiment from another State and that a regular army brigadier will be in command. The matter in the hands of the War Department, for the Virginia Congressmen assured him that the President was determined